

In the claims: The claims are as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A method by which a UE device (10) begins compressing messages it transmits to an SIP outbound proxy server (12) as SIP signals, the method characterized by:

a step in which the UE device sends a request message to the SIP outbound proxy server (12); and

a step in which the UE device analyzes a payload part of a compressed response message received from the SIP outbound proxy server (12) in response to the request message to determine an allowed form of compression for use in compressing messages it sends to the SIP outbound proxy server (12);

wherein the request message is a register message.

2. Canceled.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further characterized by:

a step in which the UE device (10) alters an address for the SIP outbound proxy server (12) previously stored so as to include the stored address with the compression parameter.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the response message is a 401 (unauthorized) message.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the response message is any compressed message.

6. (Currently amended) An apparatus used by a UE device (10) to begin compressing messages it transmits to an SIP outbound proxy server (12) as SIP signals, the apparatus characterized by:

means by which the UE device sends a request message to the SIP outbound proxy server (12); and

means by which the UE device analyzes a payload part of a compressed response message received from the SIP outbound proxy server (12) in response to the request message (to determine an allowed form of compression for use in compressing messages it sends to the SIP outbound proxy server (12);

wherein the request message is a register message.

7. Canceled.

8. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6, further characterized by:

means by which the UE device (10) alters an address for the SIP outbound proxy server (12) previously stored so as to include the stored address with the compression parameter.

9. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the response message is a 401 (unauthorized) message.

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the response message is any compressed message.

11. (Original) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor in a UE device (10), with said computer program code characterized in that it includes instructions for performing the steps of the method of claim 1.